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Recent News of Official Circles in Canton

1. A report made to T. V. SOONG by a special agent, some time in April or May of this year, states:

"CHEN Ju-tang (陳汝棠)* is a subversive element in South China. The people's armed forces of Kiangsi are under his direct command. HO Tung (何彤) is his good friend, and CHEN Ju-tang recently introduced CHEN Ju-fang for work at the 1st Area Bandit Suppression Command Headquarters. This man was found to be a spy of the traitorous bandits, and orders were issued for a thorough investigation and prosecution. A reply from HO Tung stated that, although CHEN Ju-tang was in fact a good friend of his, he was not responsible for the latter's becoming a renegade. There is no such person in the Command Headquarters as CHEN Ju-fang (陳汝芳) introduced by CHEN Ju-tang."

2. On his mother-in-law's birthday, 16 October, HO Tung held a reception at the Command Headquarters. A number of high officials attended, including: Commander HO Tung, Vice Commander LO Tzu-li (羅次黎), WU Fan (伍蕃), LIN Hsiao-ya (林小亞)**, CHOU Han-ling (周漢鈴), and a guest named WU Chi (巫琦), Assistant of the Provincial Food Control Office.

In the course of the party the talk fell on the current gloomy situation. In particular, mention was made of the policy of economic control which was making it impossible for people to buy anything with money. CHOU Peng-ling (周彭齡), HO Tung's brother-in-law, said, "We have been made penniless, and have not even enough money to buy a rope to hang ourselves." He further remarked, "We have heard that CHEN Ju-tang, who is doing anti-government work in Hong Kong, is of good standing. We

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shall have to look him up in the future." "We have to eat, so we had better look up CHEN Ju-tang," echoed WU Chi. (All those present at the party were good friends of CHEN Ju-tang and therefore could express their common feelings.)


The party's disgruntled comments reached the ears of the so-called suppression commander, HO Tung, who made no comment at all.

Recent Conditions in the Country

1. On 1 November MO Fu-ju (莫福如), Commissioner of the 3rd Area, personally directed his stubborn troops, over a thousand strong, in suppressing the people's armed force under LO Heung-shen*** in Koyiu (Kao-yao-hsien, 112-28, 23-03), Tung Shum and Ti King. Several houses were burned down. Every pao was forced to supply the troops with 500 catties of rice and GY \$300 daily. In addition each pao had to supply one man for the Self-defence Corps and one for the Peace Preservation Police Corps.

2. In the meantime, four persons were arrested in Kao-ming (112-43, 22-53), Tong Min, Ku Chak and Yim Tin (a small village at the foot of Po San Mountain). By order of MO Fu-ju they were executed without trial at Wang Kong, Koyiu. 1,800 catties of rice were taken away from Pak Tung and Ng Hang. From Ko Village 500 catties of rice were taken. 7,000 catties of rice were demanded from Sai Ngau Tau Village and Tan Chuk Kong Village. All the men and women in the vicinity of Hop Yu Hui were called up and ordered to form a self-protection corps of 100 persons. They declared the people above Ko Village were bandits and claimed compensation for the losses of arms and lives which they had sustained in the Po San Mountain hostilities.

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